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ANNUAL REPORT TO LEYBURN R.D. COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1939.



A. 1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

AREA	63613 ACRES
POPULATION	...	...	...	...	...	...	7183
INHABITED HOUSES	...	...	...	...	...	...	1747
RATEABLE VALUE	...	...	...	...	...	...	£24446
PRODUCE OF 1D. RATE	...	...	...	...	...	...	£102

The District is Mountainous, purely Agricultural, and very sparsely populated. There is a large Military Camp at Catterick on the border, with an offshoot at Leyburn. The Camp at Leyburn is to accommodate a large body of Territorials. The area covers 114 square miles and contains 32 Parishes.

2. VITAL STATISTICS.

Births	Live Births			Male	Female	100		
		Legitimate	Illegitimate	...	...	
Still Births	{ Legitimate	...	...	3	2	5
		...	...	0	0	
Birth-rate per 1000, 14.7		Average 15.59						
Male, 50 Female, 42		— 92						
Deaths		Death-rate per 1000, 12.6						
Deaths from Childbirth		Average 12						
Deaths under 1 year :—		Sepsis 0						
Deaths from Measles		Other causes 0						
,, „ Whooping Cough		— 0						
,, „ Diarrhoea, under 2 years		— 0						
,, „ Cancer		— 9						
,, „ Diphtheria		— 0						

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3. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Hospital Accommodation A — Fever. Arrangements exist with Northallerton for the reception of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Typhoid, cases in their Hospitals.

Smallpox. Arrangements with Darlington exist for the isolation and treatment of Smallpox.

A Joint Hospital board has been formed with Richmond, etc. to build an Isolation Hospital. The scheme is progressing.

B — Hospital accommodation for Tubercular, Maternity, Children and Orthopaedics falls within the purview of the County Council. Unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and Homeless Children in the Area are dealt with under the new Poor Law.

Ambulances

AMBULANCES. Ambulances can be obtained from :—

By subscribers, from Memorial Hospital, Darlington.

Ambulances for Infectious cases are sent from Northallerton or Thirsk at the request of the M.O.H.

The District needs an Ambulance.

Public Health Officers

The Officers of the District Council are a Medical Officer and a Sanitary Inspector, the latter, Mr. Sutton, being qualified and certificated.

Nursing

There is a District Nurse at Leyburn, who supervises Leyburn, Barden, Bellerby and Spennithorne.

There is another at Redmire, who visits Preston, Wensley, Redmire, Castle Bolton and West Witton.

There is a District Nurse for Hunton, Patrick Brompton, Newton-le-Willows and Constable Burton.

Midwives

There is a resident Nurse Midwife at East Witton who also serves Middleham and Coverdale. The District Nurses act as Midwives.

Laboratory Facilities

Free examination of Swabs. Doctors make their own arrangements.

Sputum examined for tubercle at expense of County Council.

Free provision of Diphtheria anti-toxin.

Bye-Laws

Building and Street Bye-laws have proved of value.

There is a Town Planning Scheme.

The R.D. Council provide Diphtheria immunization. Immunization is offered to all through their own doctor, the Council will pay 8/- for each case immunised.

Not enough advantage is taken of this offer.

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4. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supplies

The parishes of Leyburn, Middleham, Patrick Brompton, Harmby, Bellerby, and part of Carlton Highdale all have piped water supplies under the control of the Council. Agglethorpe, Arrathorne, East Witton, Finghall, East Serafton, West Serafton, Carlton, Spennithorne, Preston, Redmire, Castle Bolton, Melmerby and Wensley all have pipe supplies privately owned.

Plans have been prepared during the year for proper supplies to the villages of Preston, Newton-le-Willows and West Witton. The Council's engineer was also instructed to get out water schemes for Constable Burton, East and West Hauxwell, Hunton, Patrick Brompton and Thornton Steward.

Sewerage

The parishes of Leyburn, Middleham, Castle Bolton, East Witton and Swinithwaite have stoneware sewers laid to sewage works. Preston, Newton-le-Willows and West Witton are to be seweraged in the near future. Plans are being prepared in respect of Bellerby, Harmby, Hunton and Preston.

Scavenging

The Council undertakes to remove house refuse in the parishes of Middleham and Leyburn. They undertake the removal of house refuse and the cleansing of privies in the parishes of Arrathorne, Hunton and Hornby. The refuse tips at Middleham and Leyburn are unsuitable. Night soil is deposited on arable land but with increasing difficulty.

The whole of the Rural District ought to be scavenged, and the refuse disposed of either by an incinerator or on properly controlled tips. At present the tips at Leyburn and Middleham are used by Contractors and tradesmen at all times, and no one has control over them.

Rivers & Streams

Streams at Carlton, Harmby, Bellerby, Hunton and West Witton are all being polluted by domestic sewage. The provision of sewers in these villages is an urgent necessity.

Camp and Camp Sites

There are no camps or camp sites in the district. One application for a license was received : this was refused.

Conversion of Privies to W.C's

13 privies were abolished and W.C's provided. 12 of these were connected to the sewers of the Council.

Sanitary Inspector

	Inspections	Inspections made.		Notices served.	
		Informal notice	Complied	Statutory notices	Complied
Council's Works	154	1	1	—	—
Housing	63	3	—	—	—
Dairies, Cowsheds	5	1	—	—	—
Workshops	18	—	—	—	—
Slaughter Houses	4	—	—	—	—
Other	48	—	—	—	—
Total	292	5	1	—	—

Disinfection

Disinfection. Fumigation by Formalin of 17 premises was carried out during the year. A Portable "Sack" Steam Disinfector for fomites is needed.

Meat

The livers of two bovine carcasses were condemned.

Milk

There are 305 wholesale and 31 retail purveyors of milk.

Structural improvement of Cowsheds has been continued throughout the year.

Schools

The Schools are fairly satisfactory.

Privies should be converted into Earth Closets and cleaned out frequently.

**Swimming Pools
Bed Bugs**

None in area.

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5. HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1939.

During the year the preparation of an Evacuation Scheme and other Civil Defence measures were undertaken by the Sanitary Inspector upon the Council's instructions.

Over 900 evacuees arrived in the district in September. This work made it impossible to carry out any systematic housing inspection during the year.

Eight houses are in course of erection at Middleham. These are being built by the Council. They are to be let to the people now occupying houses which are to be demolished under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936.

Housing Act, 1936—Overcrowding :

A—(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	...	...	...	16
(2)	Number of families therein	...	...	...	16
(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein	...	...	...	100
B—	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported in year	...	...	...	0
C—(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved in year	...	...	...	2
(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	...	11
D—	Particulars of any cases in which Dwelling-houses again became overcrowded after Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.	NIL			

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6. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

	Age—	1	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Small Pox														Nil	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria					1			1						2	2	Nil
Scarlet			2	2	4	8	5	3	6	2				32	22	Nil
Puerperal														0	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia								1						1	Nil	Nil

General

No Vaccinations or Re-Vaccinations have been performed by M.O.H.

Influenza, some Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria occurred.

Cancer

8 deaths.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Cases notified	Treated at home	Vision unimpaired
Nil	Nil	Nil

Tuberculosis Notifications.

AGE	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Deaths			
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0—1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
10	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
35	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
64 up	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
	3	2	1		1	3		

Reported from Registrar General :

Pulmonary Deaths, 5. Non-Pulmonary, 0. Ophthalmia Neonatorum, 0.

No action under the Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925, was required.

Things requiring attention :

Scavenging for the whole district, and the acquisition of suitable tips for the disposal of refuse.

Houses have been provided by the Council to take the place of those scheduled as unfit for human habitation, but are occupied by H.M.F.

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YOURS OBEDIENTLY,

GEORGE COCKCROFT.

